

Harmony News

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Welcome to Our First Issue!

A message from the Mayor....

Welcome to the first issue of "Harmony News". The township committee's goal is to produce this newsletter twice a year and in doing so keep residents informed of township business and provide other useful information. Producing this first issue was a task and many thanks goes to the staff and committees for their hard work.

So, what's new in 2004. In the area of personnel there has been much happening. Abigail Postma became the newest member on the committee. Her back-ground nicely rounds out our experience and enables us to handle the variety of issues we are faced with. In January, Kelley Smith was appointed Municipal Clerk; replacing Loyce C. Johnson who served as the township clerk for 20 years. Kelley is doing a great job! To assist her, the committee officially created a part-time Deputy Clerk position and hired Bonnie-Marie Dakis. Bonnie came to us with an excellent background, a keen interest in government and is proving herself a valuable asset. We've also hired Amanda Wojcik as our Animal Control Officer, replacing

Theresa Rogers who resigned in April.

No town can survive without their volunteers! In addition to the dedication and commitment of the Fire Department, there are numerous people who are serving us all. Members of the Land Use Board, Environmental Commission, Historical Commission and Community Day Committee work without pay and spend hours every month reviewing material in meetings and offering the committee suggestions and advice. Without their efforts, the township would have to hire staff to keep up with the workload. In recognition of their contribution, the township committee held an "Appreciation Dinner" on March 5th at the Harkers Hollow Country Club. The volunteers and their spouses were treated to dinner and given volunteer pins as well as length of service awards to select firefighters.

In an effort to introduce younger residents to community involvement the township committee established a Junior Committeeperson. This position will be open to

Harmony High School students with nominations made by the B.H.S. student government. The term will be September to June of current year.

The committee has also established a website and municipal directory. The website includes township meeting minutes, meeting schedules, and can be used to contact township officials. Directories are available at the municipal building and will be distributed on Community Day.

The committee recently hired the Morris Land Conservancy to assist with Farmland and Open Space Committee issues. They will advise and guide in packaging preservation programs, develop and complete grant applications and conduct workshops for landowners.

There are many important dates coming up in Harmony, be sure to check the calendar events on the back page. Until the next issue, enjoy the rest of summer.

-Mayor Mattei

A Message From The Office of Emergency Management

Dick Collins, Emergency Management/9-1-1 Coordinator

House Numbers

You may not realize it, but your house number is a vital link between you and rescue services in the event of an emergency. Although you may dial 9-1-1, EMS cannot respond in a timely manner when

they are unable to locate a house number. According to Harmony Twp. Code, Chapter 58, house numbers should be no less than 3 inches in height and shall be numerical or written (English) style. Numbers should be placed so as to provide clear and legible identification of the building. The number must also be visible from either side of the road. For

your safety in an emergency please make sure your house is clearly numbered.



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The *CERT* program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, *CERT* members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. *CERT* members can also help with non-emergency

projects that help improve the safety of the community. *CERT* is a nationwide initiative.

The events of September 11 will never be forgotten; also not forgotten is how the spirit of America was awakened that day and citizens came forth to volunteer their services. President George W. Bush harnessed this spirit of volunteerism with the

Citizen Corps Program. *CERT* is a part of the Citizen Corps Program. To become a *CERT* member you must be at least 18 years of age. If you wish to volunteer your services and become trained to protect yourself and families from disasters; natural or man-made....Become a *CERT* member. Contact Dick Collins at 908-619-0711 for more information.

Community Alert Network (CAN)

CAN provides the ability to notify you by telephone whenever an emergency situation occurs. In such a situation, you will receive a telephone call with a recorded message giving details of the incident and instructions

about what to do next. The ability to give you detailed information about what to do in an emergency situation is one of the key benefits to this type of emergency notification system. If you have an unlisted

telephone number, such as a cell phone, that you would like included in the *CAN* system call list, please pick up a postage paid return postcard from the municipal building.

Harmony Twp. Recycling and Clean Communities

Karen Buckley, Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator



Did you know that **EVERY** item you recycle brings in money for the township? In fact, the Clean Communities Program was created in 1986 with funding from taxes levied on the sale of litter generating products. Harmony is awarded a

grant each year based on the volume of recycling. This year a total of \$7,411.25 was received in grant money. These funds can be used in various ways; litter cleanup & removal, enforcement of litter, the purchase of trash receptacles for public areas, sponsorship of Adopt-A-Highway, park or school, and education programs to promote Clean Communities. Volunteer groups are welcome to participate in clean up projects. Groups such as boy scouts, girl scouts, Harmony Twp. Firehouse, Harmony Twp.

Historical Society and 4-H Adventures in Environmental Science have already participated. Groups are eligible to receive up to \$300 per event, location, or roadway mile. If your organization is one of the many interested in doing a project please contact the Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator, Karen Buckley @ 908-213-3416 to find out what projects and funding are available.

DID YOU KNOW?

By recycling one ton of paper, we save:

17 trees
6,953 gallons of water
463 gallons of oil and
Avoid 587 pounds of air pollution.

Keep this in mind the next time you consider throwing that recyclable into the trash rather than recycling it!

Harmony Twp. Environmental Commission

Karen Buckley, EC Chairperson

The Harmony Township Environmental Commission (EC) meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Building. There are seven members and two alternates on the Commission. The current members are Karen Buckley; chair, Brett Bragin, Harry Cosimano, Jim Wright, Dave Bruckman, Tim Sullivan, Bill Rosebrock and Karen Rose. There is currently an opening for 2nd alternate, if you are

interested please contact our Mayor.

Over the past year the EC has been involved in many things. Two grants were obtained totaling \$8,000 which will be used to update our VERY old Natural Resource Inventory. This will include updated Aerial Photos, Surface Water Quality, Open Space Inventory, "C1" Watersheds, 2004 Tax Assessor Data, Utility Areas, Stormwater Management Infrastructure, Updated GIS Mapping and

Database on the EC computer. This data will be shared with all commissions in Harmony, made available to the public and will assist the township with groundwater protection, Open Space Planning, Farmland Preservation and Threatened and Endangered Species Protection.

The EC also held meetings with Unified regarding their facility, attended stormwater training, received the Centex Development EIS and offered discount well water testing to all residents of Harmony.



→ To report environmental concerns to the Harmony EC call 213-1600 ext. 20

→ To Report Noise Call the Warren County Health Department at 689-6693

→ NJ Department of Environmental Protection Hotline (800) 927-6337

Harmony Twp. Fire Department

The Harmony Township Fire Department is an ALL volunteer department that was established in 1951. The fire department is a first response unit; which means they respond to **ALL** emergency calls (car accidents, medical calls, water rescue calls, etc.) The members of the department are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There are currently 28 active members in the department. The Fire Department also has a Social Auxiliary that assists with fundraising efforts such as tricky trays and Bingo every Saturday night at 7pm. The fire hall is available for private

rentals as well. These fundraising efforts help the department operate and purchase new equipment.

In an effort to introduce our younger residents to community involvement the department along with the township committee, established the **Junior Fire Fighter Program**.

To participate the individual **must** reside in Harmony Township and be of the ages 16 & 18. Junior Firefighters will attend all weekly and monthly meetings and be included in drills and education programs.

Volunteers are very much needed for the Volunteer Fire Department and Social Auxiliary. Please consider becoming an active member. For more information or to join please contact Fire Chief, Wesley Garrison @ 908-859-1091.



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To learn more about Harmony's Jr. Fire Fighter Program please call Brian Buckley at 908-213-3415



FYI from the Harmony Township Finance & Tax Office

2004 Tax Rate	\$.12 increase per 100 of assessed valuation over last year
2004 Tax Rate	\$1.80 per \$100 assessed valuation

30% County Tax
 3% County Library Tax
 3% County Open Space Tax
 53% Local School Tax
 8% Local Municipal Tax
 3% Municipal Open Space Tax

ALL DELINQUENT TAXES MUST BE PAID THROUGH THE TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector: Joe Hriczak ----- Hours: Monday 5-7pm

CURRENT TAXES MAY BE PAID AT PNC BANK IN THE HILLCREST MALL

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS: Township Logo Contest

Harmony Township has a town seal used for business transactions, but not a meaningful logo. The Township Committee has decided to hold a logo contest open to ALL residents who are interested in visually displaying the town on a seal form. To submit an entry, please pick up an information packet from the Municipal Building.

The deadline for entries is Friday, September 3rd at 4:30 pm.

Judging will be conducted by the Township Committee and members of the Historical Commission prior to Community Day. The winner will be announced at Harmony Township's Annual Community Day on September 18th and receive a **\$250** American Express Gift Check.

United We Stand What the Flag Means

The Flag is many things

It is a mark of identification of ships at sea and of armies in the field.

It is a means of communication. When you see our Flag in front of a home, it says for all the world to read, "Here lives a family that is American in spirit as well as in name."

The Flag is a mirror, reflecting to each person his own ideas and dreams. It is a history. Its thirteen stripes and fifty stars embrace a record written greatly during these years since 1776.

It is a mark of pride in a great word-the word "American".

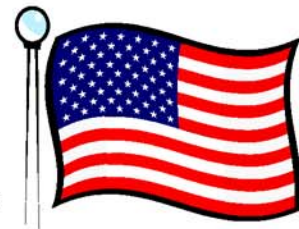
It is an aspiration of what small children want their lives to be.

It is memory at the end of life of all that has been.

It is a ribbon of honor for those who have served it well, in peace and war.

It is a warning not to detour from the long road that has brought our country and its people to a degree of prosperity and happiness never even approached under any other banner.

Edward F. Hutton



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Calendar of Events

Aug. 2nd -Aug 7th 67th Annual Warren County Farmer's Fair

September 3rd Harmony Twp. Logo Contest Deadline

September 18th Annual Harmony Township Community Day
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- CALL 213-1600 Ext. 11

*Harmony Historic Society 2005 Calendars will be available
as of Community Day for \$10.*

*Be sure to visit the Environmental Commission table to receive septic information
and Natural Resource Inventory Maps*

September 24th & 25thHarmony Twp. Yard Sale

October 1st & 2ndHarmony Twp. Fall Clean Up

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